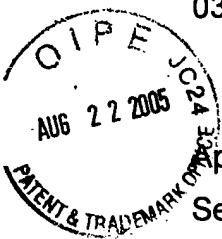


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AMENDMENT RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

In response to the Official Action mailed September 17, 2004, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider the rejection of the claims in view of the following amendments thereto, and the comments set forth below.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on Page 2 of this paper.

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